

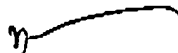
REMARKS

5 Claims 1-5, 7-31, 33-43, 46-56, and 58-60 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103 as being unpatentable over Mikurak and further in view of Strubbe *et al.* Additionally, Claims 16, 32, and 57 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103 as being unpatentable over Mikurak, and further in view of Everling *et al.*

10 Applicant submits herewith a Declaration Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.131 swearing behind Mikurak and Strubbe. Accordingly, the claim rejections, in view of these documents, is deemed avoided. Further, for the reason that Mikurak is avoided, and also because of their dependency upon allowable base claims, the rejections of claims based on the combination of Mikurak and Everling is also deemed avoided.

15 Accordingly, the application is deemed to be in allowable condition and the Applicant respectfully requests that a Notice of Allowance be provided as the Examiner's next action in connection with this application. Should the Examiner deem it helpful to discuss this matter, he is encouraged to contact Applicant's attorney, Michael A. Glenn,
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